

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

July 13, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

[www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org)

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

C. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to local newspapers, posted at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, two posting boards, and on the OLMD website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Carol Wilson

Tom Godar

Bruce Mueller

Dee Schriver

Absent

Dennis Johnson

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

The OLMD received a copy of a letter from Hans Weissgerber that was sent to Golden Mast boat tenants about the temporary closure of the Golden Mast boat launch due to Starry Stonewort chemical treatments taking place this summer.

6. Comments from the Floor

None.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

P. Furno reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$366,324.13
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$135,680.62</u>
Total:	\$230,643.51

Expenses incurred to date were within the yearly budget.

**Bruce Rosenheimer, Islandview Lane**, questioned general OLMD expenditures and whether there was an accountability for the yield of lake weeds taken out of the lake each year. D. Schriver explained the expenditures of the OLMD were related to salaries, weed cutting and barging equipment, chemical treatment of weeds and equipment maintenance. The amount of lake weeds removed from the lake was noted at the end of the year and would be available in the future.

**C. Wilson moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

**T. Godar moved to approve the bills to be paid for July 13, 2020. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meetings

**T. Godar moved to approve the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

## 11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

### a. Update on Starry Stonewort

The Starry Stonewort chemical treatment process began at the Golden Mast boat launch earlier in the day. Enclosed barriers were placed around the stand intended for treatment from the surface to the depth of the lake. The treatment would take place beginning on July 14, 2020 with monitoring to follow. Monitoring would take place to be sure the chemical treatment was impacting the plants. Divers and kayakers would also be used to pick up any loose Starry Stonewort floating in the area. The plant was within a foot of the surface and had grown a great deal since the last OLMD meeting. The DNR required the plants to be within at least two feet of the surface for the chemical treatment to be effective.

**Lynn Bree, W357N5102 Lakeshore Drive**, questioned the height of the Starry Stonewort stand near the Foolery's bridge. D. Schriver explained plants were of similar height in both locations the last time they were measured. The stand near the Foolery's bridge was being used a control/ monitoring site by the DNR. The chemical treatment devised by the Army Corps of Engineers was a test treatment. Many other treatments had not worked in other lakes. The DNR would only allow one site to be treated with the chemical mixture and the other site was required to be the control site. Because the DNR had evidence in multiple lakes that doing nothing has been just as effective as doing something, a control site was needed by the bridge. There was no barrier at the bridge site.

**Rachel Specht, W351N5458 Lake Drive**, questioned the DNR decision about leaving the bridge site as a control site because that was a high traffic area. She was concerned that if the plants had grown to within two feet of the surface, other boats would traverse the area and distribute the plants throughout the lake. D. Schriver explained the area was considered high traffic for water flow but the stand was located a bit further off from the center of the bridge. R. Specht questioned when the chemical treatments would be determined effective. D. Schriver noted a change could perhaps be noted in the next few weeks but it would be difficult to determine an exact time. The density of the plants and the chemical that affected Starry Stonewort impacted the situation; however, it was uncertain about whether the chemicals would reach the Starry Stonewort bulbils that were pressed into the lakebed. Other chemical treatments in other lakes had not always killed off the bulbils that helped Starry Stonewort to spread. Each lake required a different chemical "cocktail" to treat the lake.

B. Rosenheimer questioned the costs to the OLMD. D. Schriver explained the OLMD had applied for and received a cost-sharing grant from the State of

Wisconsin. The State's portion of the grant would cover approximately 75% and the OLMD was responsible for 25% of approximately \$75,000 to provide the treatment.

12. Discuss Website Items

Updated lake level information, monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletter, information about the weekly weed cutting and updates about Starry Stonewort had been added to the website since the last regular meeting. A suggestion was made to post a map of Starry Stonewort chemical treatment areas so residents could avoid the area.

C. Wilson moved to Item 14.

13. Future Agenda Items

The following item was requested for the next Regular Meeting agenda:

- Update on Starry Stonewort

Clarification was provided that the OLMD did not have any permitting or enforcement authority for the annual Okauchee Lake Boat Tie-Up. Questions or concerns related to that event should be provided to the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department.

Information about enforcement results from this event was provided, courtesy of the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department, at the OLMD Annual Meeting each year.

14. Set Future Meetings – Budget Workshop

The Budget Workshop meeting was scheduled for July 27, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

15. Adjournment

**T. Godar moved to adjourn the July 13, 2020 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.**